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SUBJECT: CHINA STAR SONG ENSEMBLE

REF: TAIPEI 3835

1. SINCE CHINA SONG GROUP HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ROC PASSPORTS, REQUEST YOU APPROACH GROC AT LEVEL YOU CONSIDER NECESSARY TO ENSURE POSTPONEMENT OF TOUR. SUGGEST YOU FOLLOW PRESENTATION USED IN CASE OF HAI CHIA TROUPE (TAIPEI 7231, DECEMBER 14, 1972), EMPHASIZING THAT WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO AVOID OVERLAPPING VISITS BY GROUPS FOR TAIWAN AND OFFICIALLY-SPONSORED PRC GROUPS.

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO GROC THAT WE ARE NOT SUGGESTING CANCELLATION OF CHINA STAR GROUP TOUR, WHOSE PROPOSED VISIT HAS JUST NOW COME TO OUR ATTENTION, BUT MERELY POSTPONEMENT. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO DENY VISAS AND THIS SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. THE

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ONLY ACTION NECESSARY IS FOR THE GROC TO WITHHOLD EXIT

PERMITS OR PASSPORTS FOR A FEW WEEKS. YOU MAY ADD THAT WE WOULD BE GLAD TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF CHINA STAR GROUP VISAS AFTER JULY 15 IF THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ARE INDIVIDUALLY ELIGIBLE. IF ASKED WHETHER PRC HAS PROTESTED, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT THE PRC HAS MADE IT CLEAR ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT IT WISHES TO AVOID THIS KIND OF CONFLICT. SISCO

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